



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## September 2012 Newsletter

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### Next Meeting:

October 12: Presentation by Tom Chance, K9XV, on the New Mexico Field Day trip.

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### Highlights from the September Meeting:

The meeting started at 7:10. The club was fortunate to have a special speaker for this meeting from the National Weather Service office in Indianapolis, Dave Tucek, KC9CNF. Dave spoke on the process the NWS employs in developing and disseminating the area forecasts. One of the themes of his presentation was the inputs they receive in analyzing a potentially dangerous weather situation (thunderstorm warning, damaging hail, tornado potential, etc.) and the conditions they request the deployment of weather spotters. Dave spoke for approximately 30 minutes and took questions from the floor for another 15. At the conclusion of his presentation Bob Osterhous presented Dave Tucek with a multi-wrench as a thank you for giving up a portion of his Friday night.

As approximately 40 members were in attendance the usual "stand up and introduce yourself" ritual was omitted. However, 2 new (Techs) and 2 "reengaged after years of inactivity" HAM's (Extra's) were introduced. Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, gave an update on the training around the area and Bob Osterhous, W9PSE, gave a 10 minute presentation on the Heritage Day opportunity that the Indiana War Memorial Ham group and W9ISF were given at the Indiana State Fair in August. On Thursday, August 9, a group of hams from the Indiana War Memorial Museum and the special event station W9ISF had a couple of tents in one of the main entry ways of the Fairgrounds. This was the first time in many years that a special event station for the State Fair actually operated from the Fairgrounds. There were displays on the USS Indianapolis Radio Room recreation at the

War Memorial, and on ham radio in general. Several hundred people stopped by the booths, with some showing genuine interest in getting involved with the hobby.

Jerry Skoll, KC9DTB, spoke to the group on the need for the members to begin considering who might be good officers for the upcoming 2013-14 term of office. He suggested that we should look for younger people to assume leadership roles in order to bring new ideas to the hobby and the IRC. On the "youth" theme Jerry asked each member to attempt to bring a guest under "say 50", HAM or non-HAM, to the October meeting.

The raffle drawing was conducted with the award of 5 prizes. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

*[Thanks to Jerry Skoll, Rhonda Curtis, and Bob Osterhous for notes from this meeting.]*

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **QST MANAGING EDITOR JOEL KLEINMAN, N1BKE (SK)**

QST Managing Editor Joel P. Kleinman, N1BKE, of Meriden, Connecticut, died from injuries received during a house fire. He was 64. Kleinman was responsible for the coordination, organization, control and completion of all aspects of QST's editorial content each month.

Firefighters were able to locate Joel Kleinman in a bedroom on the second floor and paramedics treated him at the scene, but he died later at a local hospital. "When they got to the top of the stairs, the guy told me they saw [his wife, Jayne's] foot and they grabbed her foot and dragged her down the stairs," Meriden Fire Chief James Trainor told the Hartford Courant. "I guess they tried to go back in but it was untenable. There was so much smoke he just couldn't make it." Trainor said that the fire was in an upstairs room and may have been burning for a while before rescuers arrived.

"Joel was a gifted writer and editor," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "Amateur Radio is the richer today because he chose to devote his talents to the work of the ARRL."

## **FCC RELEASES STUDY ON AMATEUR RADIO**

On August 20 -- in response to a Spring 2012 Congressional directive -- the Federal Communications Commission released its findings on the Uses and Capabilities of Amateur Radio Service Communications in Emergencies and Disaster Relief: Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 6414 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

"There are many positive things included in the FCC report to Congress," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "We are pleased that the Commission highlighted the existing Amateur Radio infrastructure to provide disaster and time-critical communications. They also recognized the flexibility of the Amateur Service in working with federal, state, local and tribal emergency service agencies to supplement existing communications. The affirmation of the value that Amateur Radio brings to the communities across the country is underscored by the suggestion that 'DHS work with state, local, and tribal authorities so they may develop disaster area access or credentialing policies for trained amateur operators, including a means for documenting their qualifications...'"

Read the complete FCC report on the web at,  
[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2012/db0820/DA-12-1342A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0820/DA-12-1342A1.pdf).

## **TECHNICIAN CLASSES STARTING IN LAFAYETTE**

For those up toward Lafayette, Technician License Classes Start Saturday, September 29th at 9 AM at the Subaru of Indiana Training Center, Lafayette.

Classes will be taught by Dan, WA9DDI, of the Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association and Tippecanoe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service groups.

Contact Cheryl, K9HER at [k9herradio@gmail.com](mailto:k9herradio@gmail.com) to reserve a spot!

No cost except license manuals, approx. \$30. Exam will be given at end, cost about \$16.

Be sure to contact Cheryl! You will need to be "on the list" to get through the SIA gate, 2nd stoplight west of I-65 exit 168.

## ***LAST MAN STANDING* PRODUCER CANCELS SPECIAL EVENT**

Due to concerns over possible violations of [Section 97.113\(a\)\(3\)](#), John Amodeo, NN6JA, has canceled the *Last Man Standing* [Special Event Station planned for October 28](#). Amodeo had applied for and received a 1x1 call sign -- K6T -- to use for the event that would have taken place on the show's set. *Last Man Standing* stars Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, KA0XTT. "Although the intent of the Special Event Station was to celebrate and promote ham radio, it might be interpreted as promotion for the show and that cannot be permitted," explained *Last Man Standing* Producer John Amodeo, NN6JA.

Point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/em-last-man-standing-em-producer-cancels-special-event> for the complete story.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Barry Palencer, KC9WMS  
Gary Smith, N9PTC  
William Lucid, AB9NQ  
Jerry Webb, WX9S

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

### **Signals from the Past:**

**From the September 24 *Indy Ham Radio Newsletter*:**

Gene VanSickle tells this one on himself. Since he is sometimes addressed as “Mr. Van Cycle”, he feels that it is appropriate that he should properly be called “Mr. Van Hertz”.

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### **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- **October 6:** Hoosier Hills (Bedford) Hamfest more info at <http://www.w9qyq.org/>
- **November 17:** Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo. This is also the ARRL Indiana State Convention. More info at <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/hfmain.htm>

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